WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Non-payment of salaries to DTC Employees

*204. SHRI SOM PAL :

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that payment of salaries and other perks to the workers of DTC has not been made for last two years;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into the non-payment of dues to the DTC workers by the management;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is the present position in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (d) No, Sir. The salaries are paid every month to the workers of the Corporation. However, due to paucity of funds, the employees have not been made any payment on account of Interim Relief and DA arrears.

Removal of Kidney Stone without Surgery

*205. SHRI HIPHEI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of private clinics in Delhi and outside are removing kidney stones without surgery;

(b) if so, names of such clinics State and Territory-wise as on 30th November 1994;

(c) whether Government propose to provide similar treatment in all Government Hospitals located in all States and Union Territories; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Some private clinics are reported to be removing kidney stones without surgery. However, no definite information is available.

(c) and (d) Facilities in Govt. hospitals are augmented from time to time depending upon overall priorities and resources available. However, these facilities are available in All India Institute of Medical Sciences and Lok Nayak Jaiparkash Narain Hospitals in Delhi.

Payment of Allowances to ICMR Scientists

*206. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 249 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th February, 1993 and state :

(a) what are the reasons that the ICMR scientists continue to be discriminated for payment of allowances when similar benefits have already been extended to scientists of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (A.I.I.M.S.) and Post-Graduate Institute, Chandigarh, the parallel autonomous institutions;

(b) whether Government are aware that indecision on their part has already set in a demoralising and simmering discontentment among scientists of the Indian Council of Medical Research affecting the quality of research work in the field of medical sciences; and

(c) what steps are being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) There has been no discrimination.

(b) The decision that these allowances cannot be sanctioned for scientists in ICMR has been conveyed.

(c) Does not arise.

Extension of rail line upto Along Ship Breaking Yard, Pipavav Project

*207. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation from Government of Gujarat regarding extension of railway lines to Along ship breaking yard, Pipavav project and conversion of metre gauge line into broad gauge in other port towns; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the action taken by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A survey has been ordered for conversion of Surendranagar-Bhavnagar MG line into BG and extension of the converted line from Bhavnagar to Pipavav via Along.

Exploration of crude oil and natural gas in Saurashtra and Kachh Regions of Gujarat

*208. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minis-

ter of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey for exploring the possibility of underground Oil and Natural Gas in the Kachh and Saurashtra Regions of Gujarat State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and in which districts the survey was carried out;

(c) whether Government have assigned work relating to survey to any private or foreign company and what is the cost of this survey work;

(d) by when this work is likely to be completed alongwith the names of the districts of Kachh and Saurashtra regions in which there is a possibility of availability of natural gas and oil reserves; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to (e) In Saurashtra-Kutch (onland) Regions of Gujarat State aero-magnetic, geological, gravity-magnetic and 2D seismic surveys have been carried out. Also Magneto-Telluric Transient-Electromagnetic, Deep Electrical Surveys and Deep seismic sounding surveys have been conducted in Saurashtra. In addition to this, one exploratory well in Saurashtra and five exploratory wells in Kutch have been drilled.

The above work has been conducted in Jamnagar, Veraval, Junagarh, Rajkot, Amreli, Surendranagar and Bhavnagar districts of Saurashtra and Bhuj district of Kutch Region.

Government has approved award of a contract for exploration for oil and gas in block GK-ON-90/2 in the Gujarat-Kutch basin in Gujarat. Negotiations for finalisation of the contract are in progress. Expenditure will depend on the work programme appoved.

Alcohol limits for Homoeopathic Drugs

*209. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the approximate ratio between the cheapest homoeopathic dilutions/mother tinctures to that of country liquor;

(b) the criteria according to which the Government fixed 12% alcohol limit for the Homoeopathic preparations;

(c) whether any study has been made to find out as to how many homoeopathic dilutions/mother tinctures and medicines can be prepared with 12% alcohol prescriptions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No definite information is available.

(b) As per Rule 106-B of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945, no homoeopathic medicine containing more than 12% alcohol v/v (Ethyl Alcohol) shall be packed and sold in packing or bottles of more than 30 ml. except that it may be sold to hospitals/dispensaries in packings or bottles of not more than 100 ml.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Running of Direct Trains from Madurai to Mumbai and Delhi

*210. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to run direct trains from Madurai to Mumbai and to Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof: and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Lack of resources.

डबल रोटी निर्माताओं को सस्ती दरों पर गेहूं की आपूर्ति

*211. **श्री सुंदर सिंह भंडारी :** क्या **खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने छोटे पैमाने के डबल रोटी निर्माताओं को सस्ती दरो पर गेहूँ उपलब्ध कराने की उनकी मांग स्वीकार कर ली है ;

(ख) उपभोक्ताओं को डबल रोटी किस मूल्य पर बेची जाएगी;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि डबल रोटी का निर्माण कर रहे बड़े उद्योगों को सस्ती दरों पर गेहूँ की आपूर्ति की जा रही है ; और